

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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Package for Solar Panel Manufacturing Industry

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide Rs. 21,000 crore package of State aid for country's solar panel manufacturing industry under Pradhan Mantri Yojana for Augmenting Solar Manufacturing and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this initiative is made with an aim to lift country's installed photovoltaic capacity as well as to create an export industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the country has become one of the biggest clients of Chinese photovoltaic manufacturers and in the absence of its indigenous domestic capacity, that reliance could potentially grow and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): No Madam. No scheme/ package is approved so far.

(c) : As per the data from Import Export Database of Department of Commerce, Government of India, during the Financial Year 2015-16, India imported total of around USD 2.34 Billion worth of solar cells and modules, with around 84% of them being imported from China. As on 31.12.2016, the country has Solar PV manufacturing capacity of around 7 GW of Solar PV modules and around 1.7 GW of Solar PV cells. The figures for import of Solar PV cells from China may or may not increase depending upon the global as well as domestic market scenarios for solar power sector.
